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## Press Release

### **DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS ESTABLISHED FOR EMERGENCY BENEFITS AND INFORMATION**

*Governor orders centers open to help State residents  
still struggling with storm's aftermath*

**Baltimore (September 22, 2003)** – Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. today established Disaster Recovery Centers to guide residents to emergency assistance for food, housing and other resources in the wake of Tropical Storm Isabel, DHR Secretary Christopher J. McCabe announced.

Maryland will open the first four one-stop centers at 1 p.m. tomorrow in some of the areas hit hardest by last week's storm to help people impacted by the storm apply for benefits through State programs. Centers will open tomorrow in:

- Baltimore City – 724 S. Ann Street
- Anne Arundel County -- 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis
- Baltimore County – 801 Back River Neck
- Prince George's County – where the location will be announced Tuesday

On Wednesday, another six Disaster Recovery Centers will open – in Calvert, Charles, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Kent and Dorchester counties, said DHR's Emergency Services Director Hilton Maynard. On Thursday, centers will open in Talbot, Harford, Cecil and Somerset counties.

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In addition, Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers will open on Monday, Sept. 29, in Carroll, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Worcester, Garrett and Caroline counties to serve residents for limited, three-day periods. The mobile centers will operate in communities as needed.

All of the centers will provide a catalog of disaster relief information and referrals from a number of State agencies, including the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Maryland State Insurance Commission; and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

Also, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross will be available to provide assistance.

For more information: 1-888-756-7836.